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Filed: August 29, 2001 For: AUTOMATIC ANALYZER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identfied application.

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A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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